



Dental Programs

Uninsured in the Metro Omaha Area

- ❖ Population – 673,884
- ❖ 10–14% Uninsured or 67,000
 - ❖ In 3 Counties
 - ❖ Douglas, County, NE
 - ❖ Sarpy County, NE
 - ❖ Pottawattamie County, IA



Hope Vision & Mission

- ❖ A comprehensive community health network for low-income uninsured and underserved in the Metropolitan Area.
- ❖ Coordinate health services for individuals that would otherwise go without.

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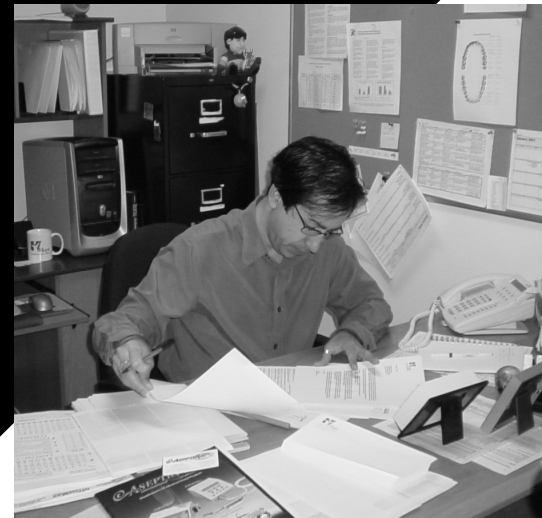
Hope Dental Services

- ❖ Dental Referral Program began 2000
- ❖ Sealing Smiles Program began 2002
- ❖ "Give Kids A Smile" Dental Days 2001
- ❖ Women's Denture Program 2001



Dental Referral Service

- ❖ Serves low-income uninsured of all ages
- ❖ Acute care, pain relief
- ❖ Volunteers in clinics
- ❖ Volunteers in their own offices
 - Referrals to Hope from network clinics or agencies who screen for eligibility--185% of below poverty
- ❖ Hope Bi-lingual Dental Coordinator makes appointments with volunteer dentists, either in private offices of dental clinics



Dental Referral Service

- ❖ Referring agency notified of appointment location, date and time
- ❖ Referring agency responsible for confirming appointment with patient
- ❖ \$10 co-pay at time of appointment to dentist
- ❖ Interpreters arranged through Hope at no charge.
- ❖ Transportation if required, arranged by Hope

Dental Referral Stats - 2003

- ❖ 35 Volunteer Dentists
 - ❖ 3 Oral Surgeons
- ❖ 150 - 200 Appointments Annually
- ❖ \$ 51,000 Value of Donated Care Annually
 - ❖ Greatest Need is Surgery
 - ❖ No Show Issues

Sealing Smiles

- ❖ Children
- ❖ In contact with dental care
- ❖ Seeking to establish



Sealing Smiles Details

- ❖ On-site at 4-5 area grade schools annually
- ❖ Serves children in grades 2 & 3
- ❖ Program provides
 - Dental exam
 - Application of dental sealants
 - Fluoride Treatments
 - Referrals to dental clinics
 - Interpreters
- ❖ Utilizes University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry hygiene students supervised by faculty and dentists



Sealing Smiles Implementation

- ❖ Permission Slips
 - Incentives Offered to Return Slips
- ❖ Delivery and Set-Up of Portable Equipment
- ❖ Education for Participants
- ❖ Dental Exam Stations
- ❖ Sealants Applied at Sealant Stations
- ❖ Take-Home Sheet for Parents
- ❖ Fun Stuff for Kids



Program Stats-Sealing Smiles

October 1 2002 – September 30, 2003

- ❖ 590 Permission Slips Returned
- ❖ 494 Children Were Seen by Dentist
- ❖ 1,122 Teeth Sealed
- ❖ 492 Fluoride Treatments Given
- ❖ 251 Identified as Needing Follow-Up Care
- ❖ 28 Have Scheduled/Kept Follow-Up Appointments
- ❖ \$50,000 donated services
- ❖ 6 schools for 2003-2004

Give Kids a Smile-Dental Days

- ❖ Partner with health centers, clinics, county and area youth serving agencies and Creighton School of Dentistry to provide dental care to children.
- ❖ Dental care provided by residents, supervised by faculty.
- ❖ Held three times a year.
- ❖ Registration and permission slips, health history and coordination of appointments done in advance.
- ❖ Transportation, interpreters, entertainment provided.

Give Kids a Smile-Dental Days

❖ Children provided:

- Dental exam
- Hygiene Education
- X-rays
- Treatment
- Extensive treatment referred to clinic
- Goodie Bags-toothbrush, paste etc.



❖ Parents must accompany children.

❖ Children identified with further needs are seen at health center dental clinic, or county dental clinic

Give Kids A Smile Stats

- ❖ 223 Children signed up
- ❖ 145 Children attended one of the three dental days
- ❖ \$13,775 Value of donated care



Women's Denture Service

- ❖ 30 women
- ❖ Focus on front teeth and self-sufficiency—able to get a job as a result, must have a case worker
- ❖ Pay about 1/2 of cost of dentures with community funds, care is donated

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Getting from here to there

- ❖ Dental Advisory Committee began in 1999
- ❖ Sought and received support from the Omaha District Dental Society, academic institutions, private dentists, county and others
- ❖ Dental Champion(s) for Hope
- ❖ Forms, protocols are fluid and grow with our expertise but developed prior to start of programs
- ❖ Dental Coordinator (staff) to make it happen
- ❖ A database and technology
- ❖ Money \$\$

Funding Sources

- ❖Volunteers In Health Care 1999/2000.
- ❖HRSA Community Access Program 2001 - 2003
- ❖The Fund for Omaha – Omaha Community Foundation
- ❖Womens Fund of Greater Omaha
- ❖U.S. Bank
- ❖Pierre Fauchard Academy
- ❖Title V – Maternal and Child Health
- ❖In-Kind support – schools of dentistry, community health centers, public schools, county, dentists

Future Plans

- ❖ Increase number and/or capacity of current provider network
- ❖ Accept dental emergency referrals from hospitals
- ❖ Expand Sealing Smiles program to additional schools
- ❖ Create community oral health bulletin board on Hope website – www.hopenetmed.us

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